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SUBJECT: MEXICAN-ROK JOINT FISHING VENTURES

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1. CONTRACT WACSSIGNED ON APRIL 16, 1978, BETWEEN KMIDC AND PROTEXA S.A. (REPRESENTATIVE HUMBERTO LOBO MORALES) WITH GOM SUPPORT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR KMIDC VESSELS TO CATCH THE 35,726 M. TON QUOTA OF MEXICO IN THE US FCM ZONE. JOINT VENTURE IS CALLED KORMEX S.A. AND SHARES ARE 51 PERCENT PROTEXA, 40 PERCENT KMIDC AND 9 PERCENT GOM. KMIDC WILL COMMIT TWO FACTORY SHIPS '7,800 AND 5,000 M/T) AND NECESSARY NUMBER OF CATCH VESSELS TO THE PROJECT AND WILL MARKET ALL THE FISH CAUGHT.

2. AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR FORMATION OF PROTEXA PESQUEPA S.A. DE V.C. BY PROTEXA (51 PERCENT) AND KMIDC (49 PERCENT) TO EXPLORE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES IN MEXICAN WATERS. KMIDC WILL COMMIT THREE 250-300 TON BLACK COD VESSELS WITH KOREAN CREWS WHO WILL TRAIN MEXICANS TO REPLACE THEM IN FOUR YEARS. ADDITIONALLY KMIDC WILL PROVIDE TWO SKIPJACK FISHING VESSELS ON WHICH MEXICAN FISHERMAN WILL BE TRAINED. DEPENDING ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCCESS OF THE VENTURE, ADDITION OF SEVEN BOATS AND SHORE FACILITIES WOULD BE FORESEEN IN THE FUTURE.

3. GOM PARTAMENTO DE PESCA WILL ASSIGN U.S. QUOTA TO KORMEX WHICH SHALL HAVE REGISTERED APPROPRIATE VESSELS UNDER MEXICAN FLAG WITH MEXICAN "SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL" OPERATING FROM KOREAN PORTS.

4. KMIDC IS IN EFFECT THE AGENT OF THE GOM FOR DEVELOPING A NATIONAL FISHING INDUSTRY. FOREGOING IS COMPANY PROPRIETARY INFORMATION PRESENTED WITHOUT KMIDC AUTHORIZATION AND NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

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